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HUNGARIAN EXPORTS INCREASE

60 MILLION METERS OF TEXTILES FOR EXPORT -- Szabad Nep, No 83, 10 Apr 49

Textile industry exports have increased greatly since the beginning of the three-year plan. The value of cotton industry exports from 1 August 1946 to 30 April 1947 was 48,500,000 forints, while exports for the first 9 months of the plan were already 134 million forints. At the beginning of the three-year plan exports by the woolen goods industry were small. During the first 9 months of the plan, we have already exported goods valued at 12,300,000 forints. Silk industry exports were also increased by 10,500,000 forints in the first 9 months of the plan.

This great increase in exports was made possible by the trade agreement with the USSR. Our plants will manufacture 60 million meters of textile goods a year for export.

REPORT OF ALUMINUM FURNITURE -- Szabad Nep, No 84, 12 Apr 49

Office furniture, a new product of the Hungarian aluminum industry, has reached the export market. Russia, England, the Netherlands, Argentina, and Israel have requested samples.

The first order, from England, was filled by the Alufa NV Factory. Israeli ordered 150 pieces and these are already being specially crated for overseas shipment.

The Ferunien NV, which promotes exports, is negotiating with Austria, India, and South Africa regarding shipments of aluminum furniture.

Hungarian furniture is being exhibited in Russia, Czechoslovakia, and Italy.

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EXPORT OF MOTORCYCLES -- Szabad Nep, No 85, 13 Apr 49

The Manfred Weiss Motorcycle Factory at Csepel will export its new 125-cubic-centimeter motorcycles to all parts of the world. Large orders have already been received from Holland and many other countries.

In addition to motorcycles for export, the Manfred Weiss Factory is manufacturing greater quantities of the popular 100-cubic-centimeter motorcycle. It has recently reduced the production cost to such an extent that the price of this model was lowered from 3,980 forints to 3,200.

1948 EXPORT OF MEDICINAL HERBS -- Szabad Nep, No 85, 13 Apr 49

Last year Hungary exported 900,000 kilograms of medicinal herbs valued at 5 million forints in foreign exchange.

The Gyogynovenykeresleti Intezet (Medicinal Herb Experimental Institute) is performing experiments to produce a new species of digitalis which will have all the best characteristics of the various species of digitalis.

The rural villagers gather some of the wild plants, such as the camellia, the jimson weed, the stinking nightshade, and the deadly nightshade and sell them to the authorities at a set price. The jimson weed, stinking nightshade, and deadly nightshade are used to make medicines for the eye and for mental treatments. Large-scale production of wild herbs would be made possible if the collective farms were to produce them.

Gyogynovenykeresleti Intezet is also conducting experiments to produce ergot. If these experiments are successful, we will no longer have to import ergot for our drug industry, and could even begin to export this product.

X-RAY FILM NO LONGER IMPORTED -- Vilagossag, No 78, 3 Apr 49

Until now Hungary did not manufacture X-ray film and had to import it at a yearly cost of \$200,000. Successful experiments were conducted at the Forte Factory at Vac, and production has now started. According to the Budapest Clinical X-Ray Institute, Hungarian X-ray film has surpassed the Swiss and lags slightly behind the well-known Ilford film.

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